Crime in Mumbai by mafia groups

377. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of murders and kidnappings in the Mumbai metropolitan area by so-called mafia groups in each of the years since 1991-92;

(b) whether these groups are linked with financiers and land speculators operating from abroad, and if so, the identity of these operators; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to constitute jointly with Government of Maharashtra, action groups for effective restoration of law and order in Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Available information in regard to murders and kidnappings/abductions in Mumbai since 1991 is given below:

Year	No. of Murders	No. of kidnappings/ Abductions
1991	473	—
1992	487	341
1993	687	220
1994	354	234
1995	357	231
1996	327	169
1997	CITY-WISE BREAK UP IS NOT YET AVAILABLE	

Information about the involvement of mafia groups in such crimes is not maintained separately.

(b) The Central Government is aware of the existence of gangs operating in various parts of the country, particularly in metropolitan cities, and engaged in extortion and other organised crimes. According to available information these gangs indulge in pilfrage of imported goods lying in docks/storage, smuggling of gold and other contraband, drug trafficking, Hawala racket and getting cuts for settling land and living premises disputes.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects under the Constitution of India. Accordingly,. prevention of crime as well as investigation and detection of crime are the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Governments, however, extends financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure. The Central Government also shares intelligence with the State Governments and sends them advisories from time to time.

Killings of Santhals in Assam

378. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Santhals killed by Bodos mob in Assam recently; and

(b) the steps taken to direct the State Government to control the situation immediately?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) According to reports, 137 Santhals have so far lost their lives since April, 1998.

(b) The Central Government is closely monitoring the situation arising out of ethnic clashes in Assam between the Bodos and Santhals. The State Police have also been requested to undertake preventive arrests of anti-social elements.

The State Government has also been advised to hold peace meetings and all party meetings involving all political parties and bodo and Santhal leaders for defusing the situation.

Smuggling of RDX from Pakistan

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS: be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge quantity of RDX is being smuggled into India from Pakistan;

(b) if so, the quantity of RDX seized during the last three months; and